

DISABILITY RIGHTS HANDBOOK

Edition 40
April 2015 - April 2016

A guide to benefits and services
for all disabled people, their families,
carers and advisers



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Your right to benefits

- For anyone with an illness, injury or disability
- For carers, children and young people
- For people in education or work, looking for work, not in work or in retirement
- For people injured at work or serving in the Armed Forces
- Eligibility requirements and how to make a claim
- Challenging decisions; how to appeal

Your right to care and support

- The new eligibility criteria for people needing care and support
- Assessments, budgets and new ways of paying for care
- Challenging eligibility and funding decisions
- Local authority duties
- Support for carers



Benefits, tax credits and social care: what now?

If your life is affected by disability, changes to social security have made getting support even more of a challenge. We've seen restrictions to the support for people who need help with care or getting around, a benefits cap, the bedroom tax and then Universal Credit.

From April this year, there will be major changes to the way care and support for disabled and older people is provided and paid for. The new Care Act comes into force at a time when many people are losing or have already had their social care support cut.

Everything you need to know

In this period of unprecedented reform and benefits cuts, keeping up with the new rules is crucial. The Handbook provides in-depth information on the benefits system and social care services and includes invaluable guidance on all these critical changes.

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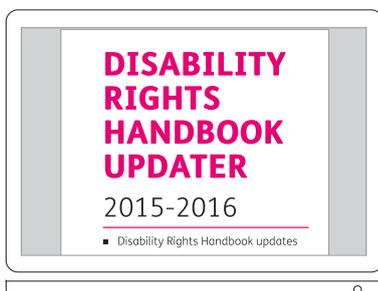
The Handbook explains how the new Care Act affects the right to 'care and support' for adults who need help to manage their lives and be independent. It includes guidance on Personal Independence Payment, which finally replaces Disability Living Allowance this year.

It deals with Universal Credit as the staged rollout continues to Jobcentre areas across England, Scotland and Wales. And we still cover the six benefits it's due to replace (Income-related Employment and Support Allowance, Income Support, Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance, Child Tax Credit, Working Tax Credit and Housing Benefit).

Information and advice you can trust

Written in plain English by benefits specialists and legally referenced, it's the only user-friendly benefits guide designed for both claimants and advisers. Fully updated for 2015/16 and restructured so it's even easier to find your way around, it has the answers you need to ensure the quality of your advice or claim what you're entitled to.

And it's full of tactics and tools to help you make a successful claim.



Keep your Handbook up to date all year

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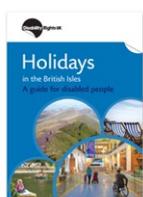
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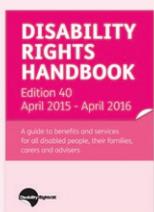
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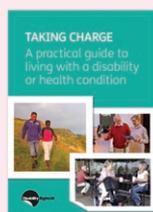
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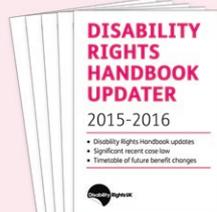
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